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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 20-117 are currently pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 20, 66, and 103 have been amended to resolve the issue of containing limiting material in the preamble of the claim. All pending claims are fully supported by the specification, and no new matter has been added to the application. For at least the reasons presented below, Applicant asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

1. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 20-117 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dworkin, U.S. Patent No. 4,992,940 (hereinafter "*Dworkin*"), in view of Dugan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,363,411 B1 (hereinafter "*Dugan*"). Applicant has amended independent claims 20, 66, and 103 to provide clarification. The inventions disclosed in *Dworkin* and *Dugan*, when considered alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest all limitations as disclosed in Applicant's claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

2. Suspension of Application

In response to the Office Action in which *Dugan* was cited as prior art, Applicant submitted a declaration of the inventor declaring that the inventor had conceived and reduced to practice the invention claimed prior to the filing date of *Dugan*. See Supplemental Response dated May 21, 2004. A second Advisory Action was provided, mailed July 13, 2004, in which the Examiner explained the declaration of the Inventor was not timely filed, and asserted the declaration was substantively deficient. In response to this second Advisory Action, Applicant requests, concurrent with Applicant's Request for

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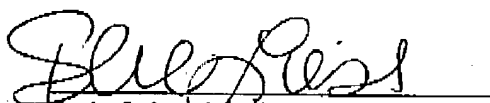
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Continued Examination, that the prosecution of this Application be suspended for a period of three months. This suspension period will afford Applicant additional time to review the facts with the inventor in order to file a revised, more comprehensive declaration antedating *Dugan*.

3. Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at 612-607-7000. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Docket 060021-335501).

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